

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

November 4, 2015

SHEILA “Skip” NOWELL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sheila “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy was held on

November 4, 2015 at Sheila “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy, 133 Delaine Street, Providence, RI. Chair William Walter welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Present: Misty Delgado, Gigi DiBello, Deirdre Denning-Norton, Deborah Perry, Michael Tartaglia, Clarice LaVerne-Thompson, Nancy Wilson, Bill Walter, Michael Commendatore and Jodi LaFauci.

Absent: Michele Cinquegrano, Joseph DiMartino, Stephanie Gonzalez, Suzanne Magaziner, Susan Gerskoff, Patricia Flanagan, and Toby Simon.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bill Walter requested a motion to accept the agenda.

On a motion duly made by Gigi DiBello and seconded by Nancy Wilson

it was

VOTED: That the Sheila Skip Nowell Leadership Academy accept the agenda for the meeting of November 4, 2015.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the

negative as follows:

YEAS: Misty Delgado, Gigi DiBello, Deirdre Denning-Norton, Deborah Perry, Michael Tartaglia, Clarice LaVerne-Thompson and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

2. OPEN FORUM

Chair Bill Walter explained to the audience that the Board of Directors will allow for public comment, limited to two minutes per person and beginning with comments pertaining to approval items on tonight's meeting agenda before accepting comments on other topics.

Members of the Board of Directors were asked to give their full attention to speakers but were reminded that they could not engage speakers in conversation or answer questions.

If concerns or questions were raised from Open Forum topics, the Board could direct staff to follow up.

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

a. Chair Bill Walter reported that Deborah Perry was charged with leading the strategic planning committee.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Clarice LaVerne-Thompson and seconded

by Deirdre Denning-Norton it was

**VOTED: That the Sheila Skip Nowell Leadership Academy
rectify and accept Minutes of the
Meeting for October 7, 2015.**

**Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members
voted in the
negative as follows:**

**YEAS: Misty Delgado, Gigi DiBello, Deirdre
Denning-Norton, Deborah Perry, Michael Tartaglia, Clarice
LaVerne-Thompson and Nancy Wilson.**

NAYS: 0

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**a. Michael Commendatore presented the report on behalf of Michael
Tartaglia.**

**On a motion duly made by Dierdre Denning-Norton and seconded by
Misty Delgado
it was**

VOTED: That the Sheila Skip Nowell Leadership Academy accept the

report of the finance committee.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative, 0 members voted in the

Negative and three members recused as follows:

YEAS: Misty Delgado, Gigi DiBello, Deirdre Denning-Norton, Deborah Perry, Michael Tartaglia, Clarice LaVerne-Thompson and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

a. Deborah Perry reported that she would be co-leading the Strategic Planning Committee with Deirdre Denning-Norton and that Joseph DiMartino would remain the consultant for the process. Deborah and Joseph coordinated the next two meetings for planning on:

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 5:00pm & Monday, November 23, 2015 at 5:00pm

b. Deborah Perry also reported that she has surveyed several site locations for the next campus in East Providence. She discovered only five child care centers offering infant care of which are located nearby three potential rentals on bus lines. She has called a meeting for Friday, November 13 at 10:00am to present further information on

the potential locations and plans for school design.

7. ACTION ITEM

a. Jodi LaFauci presented the Nowell School Safety Plan as mandated by RIDE.

**On a motion duly made by Deirdre Denning-Norton and seconded by Deborah Perry
it was**

VOTED: That the Sheila Skip Nowell Leadership Academy accept the Nowell School Safety Plan.

**Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members
voted in the
negative as follows:**

**YEAS: Misty Delgado, Gigi DiBello, Deirdre
Denning-Norton, Deborah Perry,
Michael Tartaglia, Clarice
LaVerne-Thompson and Nancy Wilson.**

8. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

9. HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

a. Head of School, Jodi LaFauci, presented the Board with an update of the school-wide technology assessment plan to be supervised by Dave Wilder. Jodi presented a need to examine all current technology systems and providers by March 2016 in advance of the July third campus expansion.

b. Jodi affirmed the RI Food Bank was now in place at both Capital and Central Campuses. She thanked Deborah Perry for contacts to coordinate the program at the school for students. Deborah Perry stated the Food Bank was previously at Nickerson Community Center and she recognized Bill Walter for years of service with this organization. Jodi reported that students have already made use of the provisions and anticipates a thriving program through the winter season.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5(a)(2) - sessions pertaining to litigation; reasonably anticipated litigation involving former employees.

i. Motion to conclude Executive Session and reconvene Open Session

ii. Vote to seal minutes/votes taken during Executive Session if disclosure of such minutes/votes in Open Session would jeopardize any strategy, negotiation or investigation undertaken pursuant to discussions conducted under §42-46-5(a)

On a motion duly made by Misty Delgado and seconded by Nancy Wilson it was

VOTED: That the Nowell Leadership Board of Directors enter into

Executive Session.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Misty Delgado, Gigi DiBello, Deirdre Denning-Norton, Deborah Perry, Michael Tartaglia, Clarice LaVerne-Thompson and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

11. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion duly made by Michael Tartaglia and seconded by Gigi DiBello it was

VOTED: That the Nowell Leadership Board of Directors vote to

accept and seal the discussion of the Executive Session.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

11.

YEAS: Misty Delgado, Gigi DiBello, Deirdre Denning-Norton, Deborah Perry, Michael Tartaglia, Clarice LaVerne-Thompson and Nancy Wilson.

12. NAYS: 0

13. On a motion duly made by Gigi DiBello and seconded by Nancy Wilson it was

14. VOTED: That the Nowell Leadership Board of Directors vote to

15. exit Executive Session.

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Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Misty Delgado, Gigi DiBello, Deirdre Denning-Norton, Deborah Perry, Michael Tartaglia, Clarice LaVerne-Thompson and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

12. AJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Misty Delgado with no objections.

Bill Walter adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM.